

REMARKS

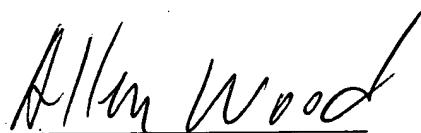
The Office Action of March 23, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

The Office Action rejects some of the claims, but only objects to claims 3-5, 10, and 12-14. In order to secure a patent without further prosecution, the present Amendment After Final Rejection places objected-to claim 3, 10, and 12 in independent form. This has been accomplished by canceling claims 2 and 3 and transferring their subject matter to independent claim 1, by canceling claim 10 and transferring its subject matter to independent claim 9, and by amending claim 12 to include the subject matter previously present in independent claim 9 (that is, before the present Amendment After Final Rejection). The present Amendment After Final Rejection also revises claim 4 to make it depend from claim 1 (instead of claim 3, now cancelled). In addition, the present Amendment After Final Rejection revises the formatting of the "second IC chip" recitation of claim 9, so as to provide sub-paragraphs.

In view of the claim changes summarized above, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 9, and 12 are now in condition for allowance. Furthermore, since all of the remaining claims now pending in this application are dependent claims, they are patentable along with their independent claims and need not be further discussed.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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